Rehabilitation of certain PSUs

*154. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken up the question of rehabilitating certain public sector units;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN):(a) to (c) In the light of the Government's Common Minimum Programme (CMP), the issue regarding the feasibility of revival of the closed Fertilizer Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) based on market demand and their techno-economic viability has been entrusted to Projects & Development India Limited (PDIL), a Public Sector Undertaking under the administrative control of Department of Fertilizers.

The Department of Chemicals & Petrochemicals has a proposal to rehabilitate Hindustan Antibiotics Ltd. (HAL) and Bengal Chemicals & Pharmaceuticals Ltd. (BCPL) for extending reliefs/concessions like one time settlement with bank, payment of statutory dues, VRS and fixed/ working capital requirement, sale of land, waiver and sacrifices from the Government, banks and financial institutions and budgetary support from the Government.

Regarding Indian Drugs and Pharmaceuticals Ltd. (IDPL), Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR) has issued winding up orders. However, an Expert Committee to conduct techno-economic study for its restructuring has been set up by the Department of Chemicals & Petrochemicals. The report of the Committee is expected by 31st December,2004.

People suffering from mental illness

†*155. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons suffering from mental illness at present in the country, State-wise;

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